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Recommendation for an interagency motor vehicle conference to be held in connection with the currently scheduled Land Armaments Conference.

REFERENCE: Letter, I/TH, dated 1 October 1956, subject: Request that the subject of motor vehicles be included on the agenda of the Land Armament Conference to be held [REDACTED]

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1. Since addressing to you my memorandum of 1 October 1956, referenced above, in which I recommended the inclusion of the subject of motor vehicles on the agenda of the approaching Land Armaments Conference, I have had occasion to review this subject with [REDACTED]. In consequence of our conversation I wish to alter my recommendation.

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2. Motor vehicles are an important category of military hardware but differ from the other subjects to be discussed at the Land Armaments Conference because they are not weapons, but accessories to weapons, and they are produced primarily for civil rather than military uses. Therefore they need not be discussed in connection with armaments, especially because not all of the conferees on armaments will have an acquaintanceship with motor vehicles as a subject of intelligence research. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] will attend the Land Armaments Conference, and because he supervises the [REDACTED] motor vehicle research program, it would be desirable for him and the [REDACTED] analyst, [REDACTED], to participate with the CIA and other US analysts in another conference of about two days duration in Washington.

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3. I would like to emphasize once more that [REDACTED] and G-2 have a lively interest in this subject and that the D/I analyst, [REDACTED], has made great progress in the past year and has considerable new information to present to his colleagues in the other agencies.

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